



News

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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of August 5 thru August 11, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 835 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

GARAGE FIRE - On August 5 at 5:27 a.m. on the 1400 block of Barclay Street fire companies were dispatched initially to a report of a shed on fire. Upon arrival they found a fully involved detached garage that had essentially burned to the ground. They completed extinguishment. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.



Firefighters responded to a fully involved garage fire.

OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL OUTLET - On August 5 at 7:45 p.m. on the 1500 block of Burns Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from a house. A neighbor received a call from the home owner who was out of town to check on her home because her home alarm was sounding which was triggered for fire. She opened the door to find the house filled with smoke, then called 9-1-1. Fire companies arrived to find smoke coming from the home. They used light water to quickly extinguish a small fire in the basement. The home owner had left multiple fans on in the basement because of a water problem which overloaded the electrical outlet. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

BIRTH - On August 6 at 7:21 p.m. on the 500 block of Reaney, a 25 year old woman was in labor and on the way to the hospital delivered her baby in the ambulance. Paramedics transported the mother and baby to a nearby hospital.

GARAGE FIRE - On August 6 at 5:09 a.m. on the 900 block of Edmund Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a garage fire with flames showing. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved detached garage fire. Firefighters pulled multiple hand lines and quickly extinguished the fire. The garage is a total loss. Garbage containers and two garages across the alley also suffered exposure damage. Damage is estimated at \$30,000.



A charcoal grill was determined to be the cause of this garage fire.

SPFD CELEBRATES NEWEST MEMBERS - On August 7 Deputy Mayor Kristen Beckmann, Fire Chief Tim Butler, along with friends and families, congratulated 15 new Saint Paul Firefighters at a graduation ceremony held at the Saint Paul College. They joined the Fire Department after completing 16 weeks of intense training that covered all aspects of modern firefighting and special rescue techniques. All candidates were required to hold Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification prior to appointment to the academy. Among the graduates was the first EMS Academy graduate to become a Saint Paul Firefighter.



Fire Chief Butler administers the oath of office to Saint Paul's newest firefighters.

CHILD FIRE PLAY - On August 6 at 2:41 p.m. on the 1200 block of Cook Avenue East fire a juvenile intentionally set the grass on fire in his back yard. When it began to rain, he went in the garage and lit a fire there. The child was referred to the Department's Youth Firesetting Prevention & Intervention Program. Damage is estimated at \$100.

- **For information about Fire Play Intervention for a child playing with fire, PLEASE call the fire department's Public Education Office at 651-228-6203 or 651-228-6239.**

STABBING - On August 7 at 10:02 p.m. on the 1600 block of 7th Street East a 23 year old man had been stabbed multiple times. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

DUPLEX FIRE - On August 7 at 11:26 p.m. on the 200 block of Stinson Street fire companies were called to a fire at a duplex with heavy fire showing from the building. The fire was discovered by the occupants who tried to extinguish and were unable. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$150,000.



Firefighters extinguished a fire on the 200 block of Stinson Street.

GARAGE FIRE - On August 8 at 10:37 p.m. on the 1200 block of Beech Street firefighters arrived at the scene to find a two-car garage fully involved in fire along with 2 cars that were in the driveway. The owners were out of town. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$14,000 with \$5,000 in damages to each vehicle.



Fire destroyed this garage and two vehicles on the 1200 block of Beech Street

ARSON - On August 10 at 5:00 p.m. on the 400 block of Magnolia Avenue East fire companies were dispatched to a report of a rubbish fire. They arrived to find a paper bag full of mail on fire in a dumpster and quickly extinguished it.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On August 10 at 2:38 p.m. on the 900 block of Thomas Avenue a 26 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

MOTORCYCLIST STRUCK - On August 10 at 9:00 p.m. on Maryland and Westminster a 56 year old man riding his motorcycle was struck by a vehicle. He was not wearing a helmet. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

IMPROPERLY DISCARDED CIGARETTES - On August 11 at 5:36 p.m. on the 800 block of Pascal Street North fire companies arrived to find a garage fully involved in fire. They pulled pre-connects and quickly extinguished the fire. An occupant had been smoking and carelessly discarding his cigarettes in the garage several hours prior to the fire. Damage is estimated at \$24,000.

